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OF AGENDA AND MILITARY BRIEFINGS; GREEK DECISION NOT TO
TAKE PART IN SUMMIT DISCUSSION OF LTDP
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REFS: (A) STATE 121034 (DTG 120012Z MAY 78),
(B) STATE 122188 (DTG 122222Z MAY 78), (C) USNATO 4678
(DTG 101858Z MAY 78), (D) USNATO 4389 (DTG 291045Z APR 78),
(E) USNATO 4432 (DTG 021811Z MAY 78)

1. SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OF SUMMIT AGENDA AT MAY 16
NAC, FRENCH RESERVED ON US SUGGESTION (REF A) THAT THERE
BE A PART III "COMMUNIQUE" SECTION. OTHER US SUGGESTIONS
ADOPTED. TITLE OF AGENDA HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ACCORD WITH
LONDON SUMMIT FORMULATION. SOME DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO
OPPOSE US PROPOSAL FOR TWO MILITARY BRIEFINGS. GREEK
PERMREP ANNOUNCED THAT BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS REGARDING
GREEK PARTICIPATION IN LTDP DISCUSSION, KARAMANLIS WOULD
NOT PARTICIPATE NOR WOULD OTHER GREEK OFFICIALS.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT AGENDA
FOR SUMMIT (REF C), FRENCH EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT.
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AMBASSADOR BENNETT PRESENTED SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA
CONTAINED REF A. ALL WERE QUICKLY AGREED EXCEPT FOR FRENCH
RESERVATION ON A THIRD "COMMUNIQUE" SECTION IN THE AGENDA.
TINE ARGUED THAT OTHER TRADITIONAL AGENDA CATEGORIES HAD
BEEN DELETED AND THUS THERE WAS NO REASON TO INSERT THIS
SINGLE ITEM. WE PLAN TO PURSUE THIS AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

3. FRENCH ALSO PROPOSED, TO GENERAL AGREEMENT, THAT AGENDA TITLE REFLECT FORMULATION USED AT LONDON SUMMIT. TITLE ACCORDINGLY, WITH WORD "MINISTERIAL" DROPPED WOULD READ "MEETINGS TO BE HELD WITH PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT".

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO PRESENTED WASHINGTON PROPOSALS ON MILITARY BRIEFINGS FOR SUMMIT AND CONFIRMED BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON DEFENSE (REF B). IDEA OF TWO MILITARY BRIEFINGS CONTINUES TO BE REGARDED UNENTHUSIASTICALLY. CANADIAN PERMREP REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S FEELING (REF E) THAT INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING WAS NOT NECESSARY, BUT EVEN IF INCLUDED IT WOULD BE HIGHLY PREFERABLE FOR SECDEF BROWN OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE ENTIRE PRESENTATION. AFTER SESSION CONCLUDED, CANADIANS REINFORCED THEIR VIEWS WITH US, HARDY SUGGESTING THAT TRUDEAU WOULD BE "IRRITATED" AT HAVING TO TAKE UP TIME WITH A BRIEFING AT MAJ-GEN LEVEL. KILLICK (UK) INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT FAVOR TWO-BRIEFING PROPOSAL EITHER. (BOTH CANADIANS AND BRITISH FELL OFF THEIR OPPOSITION AT MAY 17 PERMREPS PRIVATE MEETING. SEE SEPTTEL.)

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5. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF AGENDA PART II REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN LTDP DISCUSSION BY COUNTRIES NOT IN INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE. GREEK PERMREP THEN RENDERED THIS POINT MOOT WHEN HE INFORMED COUNCIL CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT GREECE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS FITTING FOR PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS GIVEN RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON GREECE (REF D). HE ADDED THAT NO OTHER GREEK OFFICIAL WOULD PARTICIPATE EITHER. LUNS POINTED OUT THAT GREECE HAD NOT BEEN EXCLUDED, EXPRESSED REGRET AND HOPED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR GREECE TO CHANGE ITS DECISION. BENNETT

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